(*d*) if so, whether action has been taken for the same against such persons ; and

(*e*) if so, the total number of cases so taken up in the Peermade and Devicolam taluks ?

Mr. K. Paramesvara Panickar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 527.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Action has been taken against them under the Land Conservancy Regulation.

(*e*) 11 in Devicolam taluk and 25 in Peermade taluk.

Kayankulam Dispensary.

64. ***Mr. Haji Hassan Yacoob Sait** : (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken on the frequent petitions from the people of the area concerned to raise the Kayankulam Dispensary to the status of a District Hospital and to provide a suitable Government building and premises for the same ?

Mr. James Simpson : The institution is housed in a spacious rented building having accommodation for eight in-patients and it is only seven miles away from Mavelikara where there is a well-equipped hospital. The question of a better Government building for the institution has been ordered to wait.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know whether there is any proposal to raise the status of the dispensary ?

Mr. James Simpson : No proposal, Sir.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know whether there are District Hospitals at a distance of 7 miles from each other in the State ?

Mr. James Simpson : Yes.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : If so, may I know what is the objection in raising the status of this dispensary in view of the several representations received from the people of Kayankulam ?

Mr. James Simpson : In my view a hospital is not necessary.

Principles on which promotions of clerks are made.

65. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur Kunnathunad and Mavelikara* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is an accepted principle that seniority should be the primary consideration for promotion, where other qualifications are equal ; and

(*b*) whether the passing of departmental and account test examinations is considered as favourable aspects for promotion among clerical staff ?

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Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes, in cases where other qualifications, including efficiency, are equal.

(*b*) Yes, for promotion among the clerical staff where the passing of such examinations is prescribed as a qualification.

Statement of guardians having an income of Rs. 100 or more per month.

66. ✻**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyr:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of guardians or parents who have or who get a monthly income of Rs. 100 and upwards and whose wards or children are studying in the elementary classes of (1) Government schools and (2) aided schools in the State in the years 1111 and 1112?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: The time and labour involved in collecting the information asked for by the member are out of proportion to its utility.

Ezhava representative in Kottayam Municipality.

67. ✻**Mr. T. K. Kitten** (*Vaikom, Kottayam and Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have enquired if the person who has now been nominated as the representative of the Ezhavas to the Kottayam Municipality is a resident of the town, whether he has the right of voting, whether he pays any tax or whether he has the general approval of the Ezhavas?

Mr. K. N Govindan: It is reported that Mr. P. K. Kochukunju has got a residence in the 6th ward of the Municipality and that his nomination to the Kottayam Municipal Council has the general approval of the Ezhavas in the Kottayam town. It is also reported that Mr. Kochukunju is not paying any tax to the Municipality and that he is not an elector in any ward.

Mr. T. K. Kitten: മി. കൊച്ചുകുഞ്ഞിനു കോട്ടയം മുനിസിപ്പൽ ൬ാം വാർഡിൽ ഒരു വീടുണ്ടെന്നും ഇതിൽ മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞു കാണുന്നു. ആ വീട്ടിന്റെ നമ്പർ എത്രയാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. K. N. Govindan: അറിയാൻപാടില്ല.

Mr. T. K. Kitten: ആ വീടിന്റെ പേര് എന്താണെന്ന് പറയാമോ?

Mr. K N. Govindan: അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

Mr. T. K. Kitten: കോട്ടയം മുനിസിപ്പൽ അതുത്തിയില്ല ള്ള ഈഴവവോട്ടേഴ്സിന്റെ സംഖ്യ എത്രയാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. K. N. Govindan: അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

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